GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF TELEPHONE ADVISORY COMMITTEES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telephone Advisory Committee have become redundant with the participation of Private Companies in the business of providing basic telephone services;

(b) Whether Government have made any review in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) No Sir.

(b)&(c) Yes sir. The Telephone Advisory Committees have been re-organised so as to have an appropriate mechanism for associating the public representatives with grievance redressal system with a view to making the telephone services offered by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) more responsive in the emerging competitive scenario.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.